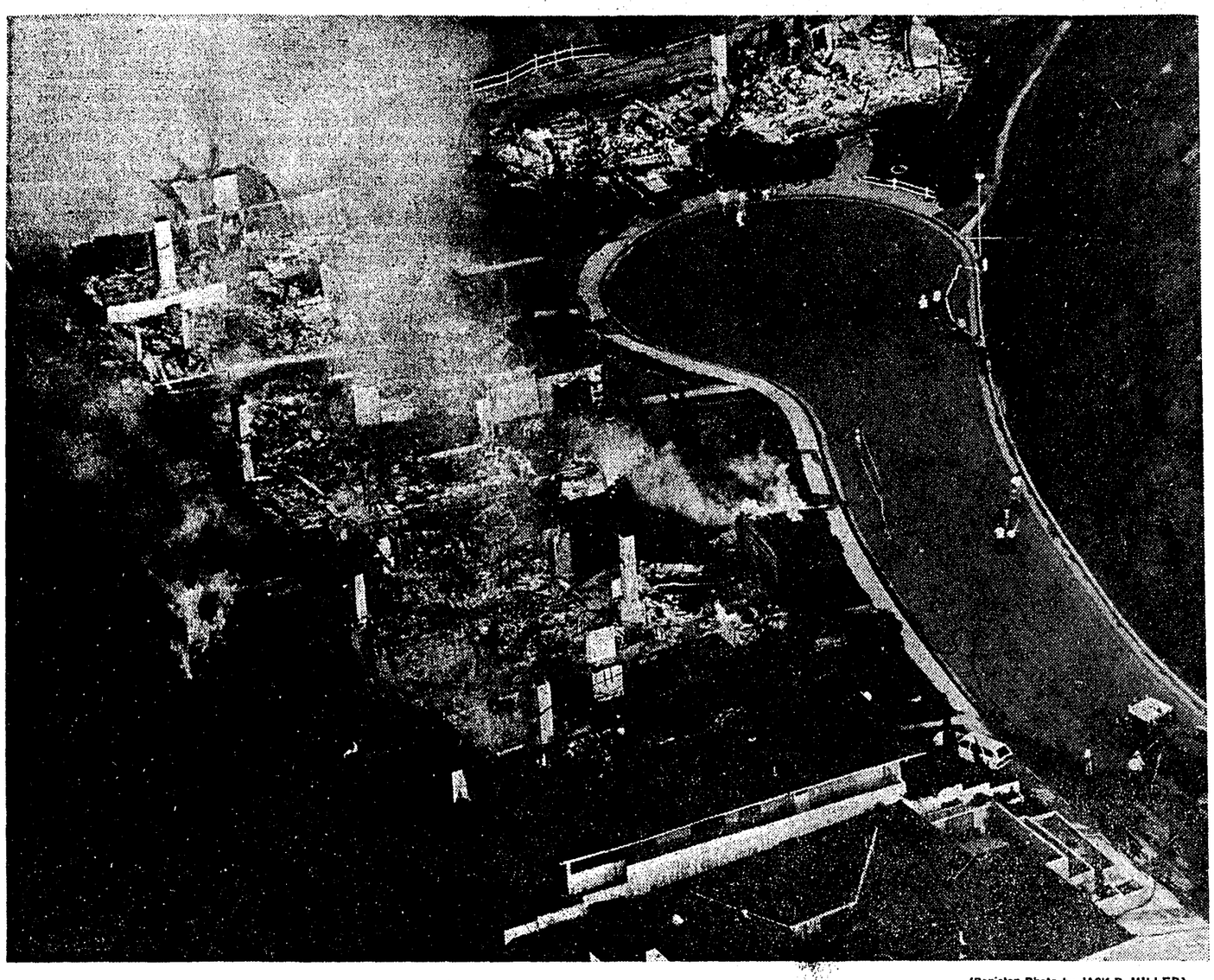
San Clemente Fire Loss $1 Million



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FIRE LEVELED FIVE HOMES ALONG 400 BLOCK OF CALLE DELICADA IN SAN CLEMENTE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

14 Residences Gutted In Wind-Swept Inferno

By FOREST KIMLER
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SAN CLEMENTE — Fire whipped by howling Santa Ana winds swirled out of Camp Pendleton into the hillside residential area of this city Wednesday morning, destroying 14 homes, damaging eight residences and spreading panic among hundreds of fleeing people. The fire was brought under control early today.

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Register staff writers contributing stories on the San Clemente fires are Gary Krino, Stan Wulff, Jim Brock and intern Anne Junak.

It was the most disastrous fire in the city's history.

The $1 million fire that swept out of Camp Pendleton at about 9 a.m. Wednesday, turning the Hillcrest residential tract into a disaster area, was reported 100 per cent under control and only smoldering as dawn broke over the city where panic reined only hours before.

Flareups were reported in an already burned brush area east of Calle Trieste, north of Presidential Heights, at 8:36 a.m. today and city fire fighters had to knock down flames that erupted again in the blackened shell of a house on Calle Delicada, just north of Avenida Salvador.

Plumes of smoke still puffed skyward over the San Pablo Canyon area at the south end of the city in the early morning hours but the hundreds of fire fighters from all over Orange County had returned to their homes. The holocaust was declared at an end.

Fueled by bone-dry canyon brush, a nine-month drought and howling Santa Ana winds, the leaping flames burst out of Camp Pendleton like a fiery explosion Wednesday morning. By noon the flames sent residents of the 300-house Hillcrest tract running in terror before the fire storm.

By 4 p.m., Mayor Tony DiGiovanni said he planned to ask the governor to declare San Clemente a disaster area.

Within minutes of the flames

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Evening Winds Fan 2nd Canyon Flareup

SAN CLEMENTE — A second fire which erupted here Wednesday evening and roared out of the canyon on the back side of the city is now out.

Firemen said the second blaze was contained, except for some small hot spots, along with the main fire shortly after midnight.

When firemen thought they had a handle on the main fire about 6 p.m., winds began whipping up a ridge top behind the 900 block of Avenida Salvador.

At 10 p.m. the second fire was burning along a 1½-mile front and had blackened more than 100 acres. However, as suddenly as the winds sprang up, they calmed down allowing weary firemen to contain the new blaze.

No homes were lost in the second fire.

Hundreds of tired, smoke-blackened firemen had rushed to the scene of the new conflagration, where a company of Marines joined them.

Within an hour, the flames

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Hinshaw Indictment Scorned

By LARRY WELBORN
Register Staff Writer

SANTA ANA—Defense attorneys for Rep. Andrew J. Hinshaw, R-Santa Ana, Wednesday described their client as "a man of integrity" who has never accepted or solicited a bribe.

Co-counsel Robert Green and Marshall Morgan claimed the bribery case against Hinshaw was "fabricated" by the prosecution, and that Hinshaw should be acquitted on all charges.

The statements came during the final arguments section of Hinshaw's Superior Court bribery trial here. Green finished his last appeal to the jury Wednesday, but Morgan was in the middle of his statements when Judge Robert P. Kneeland adjourned for the day.

Morgan was expected to wrap his case up today, giving Prosecutor Michael Capizzi the opportunity to offer rebuttal arguments before the jury begins deliberations.

Hinshaw, 54, of Newport Beach, is charged in a grand jury indictment with three felony bribery counts. Specifical-

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(Register Photo by JIM MOSLEY)

IN THE AFTERMATH, A DOG WAITS FOR THE RETURN OF HIS MASTER

Teenagers Save Homes

A handful of high school boys Wednesday saved many homes from destruction by the runaway San Clemente fire, a resident of the threatened area said.

"At least 50 homes would have burned to the ground if it hadn't been for the heroic, daredevil rescue work of about 10 to 15 high school boys who grabbed every garden hose they could find and leaped from roof to roof, hosing down the homes," said Dave Burris, who saved his own home at 807 Presidio.

"The boys stayed on each roof along Presidio and along Delacotto, Mendoza, Salvador and Columbo until someone could relieve them to pour water on the smoking shingles," Burris said.

Lebanon's Chief Announces Truce

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — President Suleiman Franjieh announced today that all Lebanon's warring factions have agreed on a cease-fire and "political solution" to end the nine-month-old civil war between the country's Moslems and Christians.

But the factions battled fiercely for vantage points in various parts of the country right up to the 8 p.m.—10 a.m. PST—cease-fire deadline. It could not be immediately determined if the fighting died down as it passed.

"We have always observed previous cease-fires but the Phalangists (right-wing Christians) never did, taking advantage of any lull to improve their positions," claimed the leader of a leftist Moslem group involved in the hotel battles.

The presidential statement said agreement had been reached on formation of a supreme military committee to supervise "an end to the fighting and a return to normal life." It will include representatives of the Lebanese and Syrian armies and the Palestine Liberation Army, the announcement said.

(Register Photo by JIM MOSLEY)

THESE THREE MEN WERE NEARLY TRAPPED BETWEEN TWO FIRES

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'Most Doctors' In OC Won't Join Slowdown

By MARCIDA DODSON
Register Staff Writer

ORANGE—Although the doctors' work slowdown is gaining momentum, the president of the Orange County Medical Association (OCMA) estimated Wednesday that 70 to 75 per cent of the county's physicians will not join and will continue to deliver health care.

Dr. Charles Plows added he doubts many doctors will join in the general strike today and Friday as encouraged by some Los Angeles doctors. "But as for any doctor who wants to

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Anaheim Hills Fires Blacken 300 Acres

By GEORGE CUNNINGHAM
Register Staff Writer

ANAHEIM — Two fires, one of them set by an arsonist, blackened almost 300 acres in the Anaheim Hills area Wednesday before fire fighters brought them under control.

More than 150 men and 30 engines were poured into the area by the Anaheim, Orange, Fullerton, Garden Grove and county fire departments and the State Division of Forestry to head off the blaze before it could damage homes in the area. Engines from Costa Mesa and Buena Park rolled in to cover Anaheim stations under the mutual aid agreement between cities.

No homes were burned and no injuries reported in either of the blazes.

The first blaze broke out shortly before noon in the hills south of a tract of expensive new homes in the area south of Imperial Highway and Nohl Ranch Road. By late afternoon, that fire had spread over more than 250 acres before fire fighters, hampered by extremely dry brush and winds, were able to bring it under control.

The cause of that fire still is under investigation, though arson is suspected, fire department spokesmen said.

The second fire, which fire officials say was deliberately set, erupted at 1:30 p.m. north-

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Winds To Die

The Santa Ana winds were still gusting today in the Orange County canyon areas but they are expected to die out tonight.

Friday's high will be a cooler 73 degrees with some early morning patchy fog along the coast.

There will be fair weather through Monday with no rain.

For late news of weather and road conditions call 547-0501.

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TEMPERATURES

(The following temperatures were recorded during the last 24 hours by The Register's recording thermometer on the roof of The Register building:)

Yesterday High: 80
Today Low: 57

11 A.M.	71		
Noon	80		
1 P.M.	80	1 A.M.	62
2 P.M.	81	2 A.M.	60
3 P.M.	80	3 A.M.	59
4 P.M.	78	4 A.M.	58
5 P.M.	76	5 A.M.	56
6 P.M.	71	6 A.M.	56
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ORANGE COUNTY TEMPERATURES

City	High	Low
Anaheim	81	53
Costa Mesa	78	54
El Toro	81	59
Fullerton	76	46
Huntington Beach	77	53
San Clemente	76	53